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Flood Protection, Sediment Removal Begins on Sonoma County Streams

(Santa Rosa, CA) — The Sonoma County Water Agency on June 16 began stream maintenance activities in or near 30 streams throughout Sonoma County in order to improve stream conditions, habitat and flood protection. The maintenance work is part of the Agency's Stream Maintenance Program, which will selectively thin and remove vegetation, remove sediment, garbage and plant trees to create shady riparian canopies.

"It is our goal to keep streams both vibrant with wildlife while ensuring they continue to provide their vital flood protection role," said Michael Thompson, deputy chief engineer of maintenance.

By promoting and planting native vegetation, shaded canopies are created that help cool the water and shade out less desirable species of plants, which can catch debris and reduce the water carrying capacity of streams. Sediment removal activities will include creating low-flow channels and planting native trees, shrubs, and aquatic plants to improve hydrology, stream conditions and habitat.

Summer through early fall is the only allowable time for performing in-channel stream maintenance. Agency work crews can't start work until the stream maintenance sites are free of nesting birds. The Agency is working diligently to complete its scheduled maintenance by mid-October; before the rainy season begins. Agency biologists and arborists survey the sites for nesting birds and oversee vegetation removal activities.

The Agency performs maintenance on more than 80 miles of engineered flood protection channels countywide. Each spring, the Agency performs an assessment using a database and geographic information system to monitor stream conditions, prioritize work and document maintenance activities.

The Agency urges members of the public to keep clear of maintenance activities and equipment as a safety precaution. Property owners living near a stream on the list will see Agency work crews along with maintenance equipment, such as trucks used for hauling debris away from the streams.

Below is a list of stream reaches the Sonoma County Water Agency will be maintaining this summer:

Rohnert Park/Cotati

<u>Stream Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Laguna de SR	Copeland Creek to Stony Point Rd
Laguna de SR	Stony Point to Llano Rd
Cotati Creek	Old Redwood Hwy to the Laguna de Santa Rosa
Cotati	Valparaiso Rd to Paige St
Laguna de SR	Gravenstein Way to Commerce Blvd
Laguna de SR	Redwood Dr to Copeland Creek
Coleman	Upstream of Snyder Rd
Coleman	Snyder Ln to Hillview Rd
Bellvue Wilfred	Rail Road Tracks to Milbrae Ave
Copeland	Snyder Ln to Country Club Dr
Copeland	Seed Farm Dr to Commerce Blvd
Copeland	Redwood Dr. to Laguna de Santa Rosa
Gossage	Stony Point Rd to Lowell Ave
Cook	Golf Course Dr to Coleman Creek
Hinebaugh	State Farm Blvd to Commerce Blvd
Hinebaugh	Commerce Blvd to Hwy 101
Hinebaugh	Labath Ave to Rohnert Park Expressway
Golf Creek	Behind Double Decker Lanes
Wilfred	Snyder Ln to Santa Rosa Ave

Santa Rosa

<u>Stream Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Peterson	Upstream of Guerneville Rd
Abramson	Upstream of Guerneville Rd.
Coffey	Piner Rd to Piner Creek
Brush	Hwy 12 to Santa Rosa Creek
Austin	Middle Rincon Rd to Ducker Creek
Ducker	Middle Rincon Rd to Rinconada Rd
Ducker	Rinconada Rd to Austin Creek
Kawana Springs	Petaluma Hill Rd to Santa Rosa Ave.
Colgan	Hwy 101 to Hearn Ave
Colgan	Hearn Ave to Bellevue Ave
Colgan	Stony Point Rd to Todd Rd
Colgan	Bellevue Ave to Stony Point Rd
Sierra Park	Hoehn Ave to Mayette Ave
Sierra Park	Mayette Ave to Spring Creek
Steele	Lance Dr to Ridley Ave
Roseland	Stony Point Rd to Ludwig Rd
Santa Rosa	Stony Point Rd to Fulton Rd
Santa Rosa	Fulton Rd to Willowside Rd
Piner	Hopper Rd to Piner Rd
Piner	Guerneville Rd to Fulton Rd
Piner	Rail Road tracks to Marlow Rd
Paulin	Cleveland Ave to Hardies Rd
Paulin	Hardies Rd to Coffey Ln
Paulin	Marlow Rd to Piner Creek
Colgan	Santa Rosa Ave to Hwy 101
Brush	Montecito Ave to Hwy 12
Todd	Upstream of Todd Rd
Airport	Rail Road Tracks to Skylane Blvd
Airport	Skylane Blvd to end of property
College	College Ave to Santa Rosa Creek

Sonoma

<u>Stream Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Fryer	Upstream of Andrieux St.
Nathanson	Various locations
Sonoma	Near Happy Ln

Petaluma

<u>Stream Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Corona	McDowell Blvd to Hwy 101
Lichau	McDowell Blvd to Hwy 101
Petaluma River	Adjacent to SCWA property
Adobe	Sartori Ln to Lakeville Hwy
Washington	Sonoma Mtn Pkwy to Hawk Dr
Washington	Sonoma Mtn Pkwy to Maria Dr
McDowell	Upstream of Caufield Dr
Thompson	Westridge Rd to Sunnyslope Rd
Corona	Telford Ave to Sonoma Mtn Pkwy
Corona	Sonoma Pkwy to Wellington Dr
Lynch	Hwy 101 to Petaluma River

Windsor

<u>Stream Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Starr	Oak Park St. to Railroad Ave
Faught	Downstream of Old Redwood Hwy
Windsor	Downstream of Windsor Rd
Starr Creek	Upstream of Windsor River Rd
Windsor	Brooks Road to Natalie Dr
Windsor	Natalie Dr to Lazy Creek

Sediment removal locations**Rohnert Park**

<u>Stream Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Copeland Creek	Between Snyder Ln and Country Club Dr.
Coleman Creek	Between Snyder Ln and Hillview Dr.
Hinebaugh Creek	Between Labath Ave and Rohnert Park Expressway

Santa Rosa

<u>Stream Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Todd Creek	Upstream of Delores
Steele Creek	At Gamay St
College Creek	At West College Ave
Airport Creek	At Skylane Blvd.
Ducker Creek	At Benecia Dr
Colgan Creek	At Hearn Ave

Petaluma

<u>Stream Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Washington Creek	At Madison St

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